Supply of subsidised power

1088. SHRIC. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been mooted to supply subsidized power for below poverty line population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) According to National Electricity Policy a minimum level of support may be required to make the electricity affordable for consumers of very poor category. Consumers below poverty line who consume below a specified level, say 30 units per month, may receive special support in terms of tariff which are cross-subsidized. Tariffs for such designated group of consumers will be at least 50% of the average (overall) cost of supply.

Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, Government of India is providing electricity connection to below poverty line households with 100% capital subsidy as per norms of Kutir Jyoti Yojana. During the year 2004-05 under this programme 56,492 households were provided connections.

Electrification of villages in Rajasthan

1089. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have set a target to make electricity available in every village of the country by 2009, under 'Raiiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Plan';

(b) the present status in the country of the total number of villages and the total number of villages electrified/not electrified;

(c) the number of such villages in Rajasthan where there is no electricity, as on date; and

(d) by when the total work of electrification in Rajasthan is expected to be carried out?

The Minister of POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE). (a) Yes, Sir. Under 'Rajiv' Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana' (RGGVY) introduced in April, 2005 Government of India aims to electrify all villages